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IS IT ANY WONDER THAT MR. KHRUSCHEV DOESN'T UNDERSTAND AMERICANS??? '

(Editor's note: The following editorial from The Maysville, Mo., Record-Herald seems to us to be timely now that the Big Boss of the Reds is coming to the USA).

What is an American, anyway?

He yells for the government to balance the budget and then takes the last dime he has to make the down payment on a car.

He whips the enemy nations and then given'em the shirt off his back.

He yells for speed laws that will stop fast driving, and then won't buy a car if it won't make 100 miles an hour.

An American gets scared to death if we vote a billion dollars for education—but he is cool as a cucumber when he finds out we're spending three billion dollars a year for smoking tobacco.

He gripes about the high prices of the things he has to buy, but gripes still more about the low prices things he has to sell.

He knows the line-up of every baseball team in the American and National Leagues — and doesn't know half the words in "The Star Spangled Banner."

An American will get mad at his wife for not running their home with the efficiency of a hotel, and then he'll get mad at the hotel for not operating like a home.

He'll spend half a day looking for vitamin pills to make him live longer — then drive 90 miles an hour on slick pavement to make up for the time he lost.

An American is a man who will fall out with his wife over her cooking and then go on a fishing trip and swallow half-fried potatoes, burnt fish, and gritty creek water coffee made in a rusty gallon bucket —and think it is good.

An American will work hard on a farm so he can move into town, where he can make more money so he can move back to the farm.

When an American is in his office he talks about baseball, football or fishing — when he is at the games or on the creek bank, he talks obut business.

He is the only fellow in the world who will pay 50 cents to park his car while he eats a 25-cent sandwich.

An American likes to cuss his government, but gets fighting mad if a foreigner does it.

We're the country that has more food to eat than any other country in the world and more diets to keep us from eating it.

We're the most ambitious people on earth, and we run from morning until night trying to keep our earning power up with our yearning power.

We're supposed to be the most civilized, Christian nation on earth, but still can't deliver payrolls without an armored car.

In America we have more experts on marriage than any other country in the world — and more divorces.

But we're still pretty nice folks. Calling a person "a real American" is the best compliment we can pay him. Most of the world is itching for what we have — but they'll never have it until they start scratching for it the way we did.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

When one considers the many threats which face democracy today, and the subversive and unpatriotic and divisive elements which seek to weaken the United States, the role the American Legion plays in American life is appreciated.

The American Legion usually takes patriotic and strong stands, and sometimes these stands irk those who feel that the Legion is "flag-waving." However, there has not been enough flag waving in this country in the past ten or fifteen years, and certainly it is a much-needed thing in the United States.

It, of course, can be overdone, and we do not believe that anyone should be persecuted unfairly because of nationalistic or patriotic sentiments. On the other hand, it is time that someone looked out for the best interests of the United States and its survival, and the American Legion is generally sound on this theme.

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FOLLOWING THE CROWD

Too many of us, and the writer is no exception, tend to follow the crowd and "conform." However, much of the world's progress has been made by men and women who refused to conform when they thought the crowd, or the majority, was wrong.

It is very easy in life to accept gossip about those one has an incination to be jealous of. It is a common fault for us to try to pull others down to our own level —if they have out-performed us in life in some way.

Moreover, the tendency of too many of us is to belittle things we do not understand, dislike those with whom we disagree, and close our mind to learning after we have reached a certain age in life.

There is usually a high price to pay when one bucks the majority, or when one refuses to follow the crowd. If everyone around us idles away their evenings, there is no reason why we should idle ours away.

If a certain type of work is frowned upon by the so-called social set, that is no reason why some good, honest sweat should not be expended by any man or woman who puts commonsense ahead of false pride.

It is good for all of us to evaluate our lives and our philosophies and give some thought to standing on our own two feet. It is easy to follow the crowd. But, remember, the crowd is often wrong.

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Half the truth is often far more dangerous than no truth.

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It is amazing how excited some people can get over little things.

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It is always difficult to work when you have something else on your mind.

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Optimism is that quality, in some people, that permits them to hope that somebody else will do something for them.

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When an individual offers you something for nothing, or for less than its market price, it is time to remember that the price is too high.

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You can help yourself to safety by obeying traffic regulations without waiting for a speed-cop to catch you.

Washington Notes

Safety Devices Urged

Some members of the House feel the Government should set an example by requiring safety devices on the thousands of cars it buys annually.

A bill is currently before the House that requires devices such as seat belts, crash pads, padding, and the like on passenger vehicles it buys. The Government has about 45,000 passenger cars and buys about 10,000 replacements annually.

Hybrid Corn Increases

High-yielding hybrid corn covers 94.8 per cent of the land planted to this grain crop this year.

The older open-pollinated corn makes up the balance of the 85,409,000 acres planted.

Reporting this, the Agriculture Department said that this was an increase from one tenth of one per cent in 1933. Ten years ago, the hybrid acreage was 78 per cent.

In two states — Iowa and Illinois — the full acreage is hybrid. In quite a number of Midwestern and Eastern states the percentage is 99 or higher. The state with the lowest percentage is Arizona, with 35 per cent. The corn acreage there is very small.

Living Cost Up

The cost of living rose three-tenths of 1 per cent in July to another record high, according to the latest report from the government.

The Labor Department said higher prices for all major classes of goods and service contributed to the advance, with food prices leading the way.

Bigger Military Taxes?

The President should ask more taxes if necessary to support the nation's military and cold-war needs, says Senator Fulbright (D.-Ark.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The Senator urged the President to ask the Senate Appropriations Committee to provide $1,800,000,000 in new money for economic-development loans abroad this year and next.

New Official Titles

Office aides of all senators soon may acquire new official titles, perhaps more impressive than the present limited list of "administrative assistant, clerk, or assistant clerk."

It's all part of the Senate decision to make public the pay rolls of all senators, along with names on their office staffs, some time before November 30.

Honey Bee Static

The honey bee is doing little more this year than holding his own.

The Agriculture Department reports that the number of colonies on hand July 1 was 5,437,000, or about the same as a year earlier.

Delay on C-R Bill

Administration aides now prefer to have no civil-rights bill reach the floor of either the House or Senate this session.

They think there would be a better chance for a strong civil rights measure next year.

At this late date in the present session, they feel, pressure for adjournment would force civil-right backers in the Senate to give up on controversial provisions.

Concern Over Laos

Secretary of State Christian A. Herter has told foreign policy leaders of the Senate and House that he regarded the situation in Laos, where communist forces are fighting government troops, as "very dangerous."

EVERYONE HAS STAKE IN MARKETING RESEARCH

Everyone has a stake in marketing research, in the belief of Don L. Long, consumer education specialist for VPI Agricultural Extension Service.

He points out that food marketing employs more people, takes more capital, and takes more of the food dollar than does food production. At present six out of every ten dollars spent for food goes to pay for marketing services.

Generally, Long says, the United States has an efficient food marketing set-up. But it could be better. And marketing research aims at solving the problems which hinder food distribution in some way. Producers and marketers gain when the problems are solved through better satisfied customers. Consumers gain through better and less costly products.

Long says U. S. Department of Agriculture researchers divide marketing problems into four areas:

Analyzing market costs and practices. This is an effort to increase efficiency in such things as buying, selling, financing, and transportation of farm products.

Reducing waste and maintaining quality. This area includes three major phases of work — insect and bacteria control; improved handling, packaging, and storage methods, and quality measurement to aid in grading.

Improved handling and facilities. In this area, researchers are concerned largely with testing the efficiency of present equipment, the buildings, and handling methods, and with developing new, more efficient ones.

Expanding markets. Much of this work involves the development of new products, new ways to sell older products, and getting information to help producers in growing what the market wants, and marketers in selling what consumers want.

Rats Compete With Rabbits In Multiplication

Rats can out-do the traditionally prolific rabbit when it comes to multiplication.

Rodent control specialists at VPI say one pair of rats could have 1,500 descendents in a single year if they all lived. And in three years, that one pair could have 250 million descendants. The average rat lives about 18 months, but it is conceivable that the original pair could still be living at the end of three years. Although no reliable estimates have been made of the world rat population, it is reasonable to believe the specialists say, that the rat population exceeds the human population, which is estimated at 2,734,000,000.

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Robinson and Miss visited Mr. and Mrs. Saturday P. M.

Thomas E. Harvey Miss Wanda Kay LeA. A. LeGrand attPope reunion at Charlottesville.

Sawhorne is visiting Mrs. J. A. Young.

Clapp was a patient at Lynchburg hospital recently. She is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Rotheger, of Appomattox were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell will leave this week-end for their new home, Blacksburg, Va., where Jack will enter school.

Mrs. Luther Powell and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wooldridge Friday evening.

Week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harvey were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harvey, of Richmond, and Mr. and Mrs. James E .Harvey and son, of Colonial Heights.

Comment On Sports

By Pete Fritchie

Washington, D. C.- Unless the unexpected occurs, and that isn't likely, the Chicago White Sox are in as pennant winners in the American League. It will be the first time since 1919 that the White Sox have made the grade.

It's probably a good thing for the league. Cleveland has won in recent years. New York has certainly had its share, and Detroit has won several flags since the Sox made the grade.

For Al Lopez, who did business at Cleveland until given the boot, it is sweet reward. He built a great pitching corps around a fast-running club and when the White Sox are holding the foe with great clutch pitching, those base stealers and fleet-footed guys torment and distract the enemy.

It adds up to continual excitement instead of of the wait for the big home run. Sox games are suspenceful in the old baseball style, in other words, when pitcher's duels were the order of the day and when games were not featured by so many home runs and big scoring innings.

The Sox might encounter Milwaukee, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Pittsburgh in the World Series, if they do not falter. The Pirates are farthest away as this is written, but may refuse to give up notions of winning.

It appears that an interesting series is approaching.

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Lesson for September 13, 1959

JONAH is a strange sort of book. It was placed by the early Hebrew editors among the prophets; but there is nothing to indicate that Jonah wrote a line of it. It is a story about a prophet rather than sermons by a prophet. It is strange, moreover, that something good is said about every one mentioned in this book—all except Jonah. Further, while prophets were expected to proclaim God's word and will, this man Jonah argues with God and shows very plainly that he does not think well of God's attitude. Indeed, except when inside the fish, where the man was very pious indeed, Jonah's remarks are with one exception rather peevish.

Dr. Foreman

Blind Prophet

Nevertheless the reader learns a great deal from this book. Jonah is generally wrong, but God is right. The trouble with this fractious prophet was that he could not see things as God saw them. Maybe this makes him no prophet, some one will ask. To be sure, he is never called a prophet in this book, but he must be counted one, for he did finally say what the Lord told him to say. And still, his stubborn peevishness is much more in the picture than his obedience.

The one thing Jonah could not see the repentance of Nineveh. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, a nation which brought great disasters on the Israelites. Jonah evidently shared the general opinion of his fellow-Israelites at that period, that the only good Assyrian was a dead Assyrian. The sins of Nineveh were plain enough to Jonah. What he could not see was the people's repentance and faith. It is a strange contrast we have here: the people of Nineveh who believed God, and Jonah who did not; the people of Nineveh who repented and Jonah who (so far as the story goes) never did repent of his attitude to Nineveh. Jonah had what is now called a "stereotype" in his mind when he thought of a Ninevite, that is, a fixed picture which he could not change, a picture of a hopelessly godless and wicked man. A repentant Ninevite, weeping for his sins, was something so strange to Jonah that he could not see it.

No Eye for Children

At the end of the story, where God is explaining to Jonah why he (God) took pity on the great capital city, 120,000 persons are mentioned who "do not know their right hand from their left." It is generally supposed that this refers to children. God even speaks of the cattle; the divine interest in animals comes out in this book as nowhere else in the Old Testament. It is clear that Jonah had never thought of the children, much less of the cattle. What he wanted to see was fire from heaven, a burning city. That there would be innocent sufferers in the flames does not seem to have occurred to the man. Again Jonah had his stereotype of Ninevites.

"For Our Instruction"

"These things were written for our instruction," said a New Testament writer about the Old Testament. Certainly the book of Jonah has something strong to say to us here and now; so strong that it is hard to take. (The Israelites never did "take" the message of the book of Jonah.) We also have our favorite stereotypes, we think of people in certain fixed ways and we seldom think they could be otherwise. Let the reader test himself. What do these words suggest to you?—Negro, Russian, boss, farmer, banker, congressman, socialist, N. A. A. C. P., scientist, German, European, union organizer, bureaucrat? It is safe to say that many readers have fixed ideas about some of these, and perhaps some fixed hatreds. In war especially, we always think of the enemy, as Jonah did of Nineveh, in terms of the harm the enemy has done to us. It is a hard pill to swallow, and we don't know whether even Jonah managed to swallow it, but the fact is, we love everybody except our enemies, but God loves our enemies too. Peace will never come till Gods people begin to love the people God loves.

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BUILT-IN CONTROL PRACTICAL FOR RATS

"Built-in" control is a practical way to cope with mice and rats.

Rodent control specialists at VPI say most farmers try to keep rats away from feed and grain. Very few, however, have taken the necessary steps to make control measures more permanent. A knot hole or a door left open can provide entrance for rodents.

The specialists say built-in bait stations in barns, poultry houses, and grain storage structures will save time, space, trouble, and damage. If correctly made and put in the right places, baited stations will kill off the rats as they migrate into buildings for shelter and food in the fall.

Information on bait stations for rat and mouse control is available from county agents, or from the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, Blacksburg.

Homemakers Items

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Virginia will be well represented at the annual meeting of the National Home Demonstration Agent's Association to be held in New Orleans October 20-24.

Miss Lucy Blake, assistant director of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service, says almost 40 home demonstration agents from Virginia plan to attend, including two who will receive distinguished service citations from the Association: Mrs. Leona K. Barlow, Prince William, and Mrs. Esther LaRose, Augusta.

Noted speakers, including C. M. Ferguson, administrator for the Federal Extension Service, and H. C. Sanders, director, Louisiana Extension Service, are on the program. A wide range of activities has been arranged for the agents, including tours to plantation homes, visits in interesting sections of New Orleans, and boat rides on the Mississippi.

Miss Blake also announced that at least two Virginia home demonstration club officials will attend the National Home Demonstration Council meeting October 11 to 14 in Portland. They are Mrs. Norman Hedrick, Norfolk, president, Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, and Mrs. Frank Carr, Appomattox, who is secretary for the National Council.

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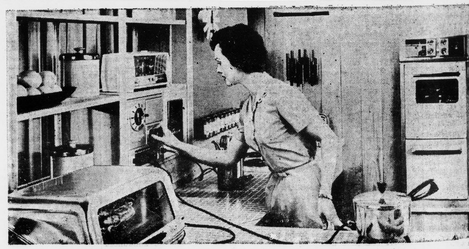

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